HOW TO USE THE AARP VOTERS’ GUIDE:
AARP produced this guide to help you find out what candidates are saying about health and financial security in their own words.

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Social Security

How would you protect Social Security for today’s seniors and strengthen it for future generations?

AARP’s Position:
Social Security should continue to guarantee that Americans who work and pay into the system receive benefits based on what they earn and contribute. Benefits should keep up with inflation and last for as long as an individual lives. We must strengthen Social Security for the future and protect benefits for people who count on them most, including surviving spouses and families, lower-wage workers, and disabled individuals who no longer can work. Social Security must be put on stable financial ground, but any adjustments should be implemented gradually so changes do not impact those in or near retirement.

Joseph Bock (Dem):
We made a promise to our seniors that, if they paid into the system, they will have Social Security[...] I will fight against attempts to privatize Social Security, unlike Congresswoman Walorski who has said she wants to open the door to privatization. I am concerned that privatization is a gamble, putting Social Security onto the Wall Street roller coaster. I oppose any changes to Social Security... that would hurt the middle-class. I favor finding ways to stabilize these programs. (Source: Bock Campaign Site, http://goo.gl/qc86JX)

Jackie S. Walorski (Rep):
I will always vote to protect Social Security for today’s seniors and future generations. When I cast a vote regarding Social Security, I will not only see the face of my own mother but I will see the face of all senior citizens who so heavily rely on these important programs. They have paid into these programs their entire lives and deserve the benefits promised[...] Congress must address Social Security and find a bipartisan solution to ensure funding for future generations. Social Security trustees have declared the program will be bankrupt by 2024 if Congress takes no action. (Source: South Bend Tribune, http://goo.gl/vz75oP)

Medicare

How would you put Medicare on stronger financial ground and protect today's seniors and future retirees from rising health costs?

AARP’s Position:
Medicare should be strengthened and improved so both current and future generations can count on having access to high-quality, affordable coverage. Medicare should continue to guarantee a specific set of benefits that are affordable and meet a person’s health care needs. Medicare should offer choices that ensure access to high-quality health care. Medicare should improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of care by emphasizing value and cracking down on fraud, waste, and abuse.

Joseph Bock (Dem):
We made a promise to our seniors that, if they paid into the system, they will have[...] Medicare benefits when they retire. We have to keep that promise[...] Medicare that would hurt the middle-class. I favor finding ways to stabilize these programs.(Source: Bock Campaign Site, http://goo.gl/qc86JX)

Jackie S. Walorski (Rep):
Walorski has visited many senior groups on the campaign trail and visited many long-term care facilities, she added. “There’s no way I’ll support cuts in Medicare or Social Security,” she said. (Source: Walorski Campaign Site/Elkhart Truth, http://goo.gl/sZPcGB)
Financial Security

How would you help Americans save so they can secure their future and live independently as they age?

AARP’s Position:
More opportunities and incentives should be available for all Americans to plan and save so they can have a more secure future. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right and critical to Americans’ ability to have a secure retirement. Every worker should be treated fairly, regardless of age. We need to support family caregivers who make it possible for more seniors to live in their homes and communities, where they want, rather than taxpayers and struggling families paying for costlier care.

Joseph Bock (Dem):
Indiana small businesses are being crushed under uncertainty and burdensome regulation from Washington. I’ll fight to make it easier, not harder, to start an Indiana small business and work to enhance small business tax credits—including credits for hiring veterans. And I’ll work with local economic development officials to find ways to strengthen our small businesses and streamline regulations. (Source: Bock Campaign Site, http://goo.gl/xLI0zz)

Jackie S. Walorski (Rep):
Unfortunately, many federal policies are only dragging our economy down. In nearly every meeting I take, Hoosiers from Northern Indiana have expressed concern that new federal regulations are increasing at an ever-quickening pace. Hundreds of unworkable, overly-burdensome regulations are issued each year and cost the economy almost $50 billion per year. In order for our nation to prosper, the federal government must get out of the way. Long-term job creation and innovation depend on a strong private sector and thriving economy... I am actively working in Washington to make these changes. (Source: Walorski’s Congressional Site, http://goo.gl/RHcvR1)
After years of working hard and paying into the system, AARP believes you’ve earned the right to know where the candidates stand on the issues that matter to you and your family. This Voters’ Guide will help you find out where the candidates stand on health and financial security in their own words, so you can decide which candidate best reflects your views and values.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit aarp.org/yourvote.

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